

1 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

2 Network apparatuses, networks, computer program products, and
3 management station operational methods are provided. One aspect of
4 the invention provides a network apparatus including a management
5 station adapted to couple with a network including a plurality of
6 managed devices, the management station being configured to output a
7 plurality of initial commands for application to respective managed
8 devices, the initial commands being configured to stimulate initial
9 responses from the managed devices, the management station being
10 further configured to receive the initial responses, to identify responding
11 ones of the managed devices responsive to the received initial responses,
12 and to provide an asset table containing the identified managed devices.
13 Another aspect provides a management station operational method
14 including providing a network comprising a plurality of managed devices;
15 outputting a plurality of initial commands to the managed devices using
16 a management station to stimulate initial responses from the managed
17 devices; receiving the initial responses from the managed devices using
18 the management station; and identifying the managed devices using the
19 management station responsive to the receiving the initial responses.